



Emergency Preparation Tax-Free Weekend

April 22 - 24, 2017

Emergency Preparedness Shopping List

Tax-Free Items This Weekend:

Less than \$3000

- ☐ Portable generators

Less than \$300

- ☐ Emergency ladders
- ☐ Hurricane shutters

Less than \$75

- ☐ Axes
- ☐ Batteries, single or multipack (AAA cell, AA cell, C cell, D cell, 6 volt or 9 volt)
- ☐ Can openers - nonelectric
- ☐ Carbon monoxide detectors
- ☐ Coolers and ice chests for food storage – nonelectric
- ☐ Fire extinguishers
- ☐ First aid kits
- ☐ Fuel containers
- ☐ Ground anchor systems and tie-down kits
- ☐ Hatchets
- ☐ Ice products - reusable and artificial
- ☐ Light sources - portable self-powered (including battery operated)
 - Examples of items include: candles, flashlights and lanterns
- ☐ Mobile telephone batteries and mobile telephone chargers
- ☐ Radios - portable self-powered (including battery operated) - includes two-way and weather band radios
- ☐ Smoke detectors
- ☐ Tarps and other plastic sheeting

Things that are not Tax-free, but still good to have on-hand:

- ☐ Waterproof bag for important papers
- ☐ Bottled Water (1 gallon/person/day for up to 7 days)
- ☐ Extra Medications (up to a week supply, and a copy of the prescription)
- ☐ Toothpaste, toothbrushes and wet cleansing wipes
- ☐ Toys for kids that don't require electricity
- ☐ Ponchos/Rain protection
- ☐ Escape hammer for your vehicle
- ☐ Non-perishable food
- ☐ Whistle to signal for help
- ☐ Filter mask (N-95)
- ☐ Unscented Bleach (for water purification and cleaning up after flooding)
- ☐ Wrench, Pliers, or other tools to turn off utilities or perform immediate repairs
- ☐ Infant formula, diapers, wipes, etc. (if needed)
- ☐ Paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- ☐ Cash and Change
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Matches/Lighters
- ☐ Sturdy shoes, long pants and gloves
- ☐ A helmet (to be worn when sheltering during severe weather)
- ☐ Any other specific need your family may have:
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